Lake Murray Elementary

1531 Three Dog Road Chapin, SC 29036

Grades K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment 766 Students

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The State of South Carolina

Annual School Report Card 2005

ABSOLUTE RATING

EXCELLENT

Absolute Ratings of Elementary Schools with Students like Ours

Excellent Good Average Below Average Unsatisfactory

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IMPROVEMENT RATING

EXCELLENT

ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS

YES

This school met 17 out of 17 objectives. The objectives included performance and participation of students in various groups.

Definition: As required by the United States Department of Education, Adequate Yearly Progress specifies that the statewide target is met for All Students and for the following subgroups: Racial/Ethnic, Subsidized Meals, Disability, and Limited English Proficiency.

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE GOAL

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

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Lake Murray Elementary 3205055

PERFORMANCE TRENDS OVER 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
2002	Excellent	Good	N/A
2003	Excellent	Good	Yes
2004	Excellent	Good	Yes
2005	Excellent	Excellent	Yes

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

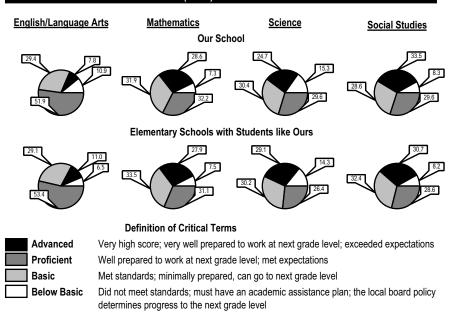
- Excellent School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- •Good School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Average School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Below Average School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Unsatisfactory School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal

PERCENT OF STUDENT RECORDS MATCHED FOR PURPOSES OF COMPUTING IMPROVEMENT RATING

Percent of students tested in 2004-05 whose 2003-04 test scores were located.

94.9%

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT)



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Asian/Pacific Islander		377	100.0	7.0	31.7	32.0	29.3	75.3	Yes	Yes
Hispanic 2 100.0 I/S	African American	13	100.0	33.3	33.3	33.3	0.0	41.7	I/S	I/S
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English Proficiency 2 100.0 I/S		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
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Socio-Economic Status Subsidized meals

Full-pay meals

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Yes

Yes

Subsidized meals

Full-pay meals

PACT PERFORMANCE BY GR	OUP /	_					
	Enrollment 1st Day of Tests.	% Tested	% Below Basic	% Basic	% Proficient	% Advanced	% Proficient and
All Students	397	100.0	ience 15.7	30.4	29.4	24.5	53.9
Gender							
Male	233	100.0	15.9	26.4	31.7	26.0	57.7
Female	164	100.0	15.5	36.0	26.1	22.4	48.4
Racial/Ethnic Group							
White	377	100.0	14.1	30.1	30.4	25.5	55.8
African American	13	100.0	58.3	33.3	8.3	0.0	8.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	4	100.0	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
Hispanic	2	100.0	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disability Status	14/71	14/7 (14/71	14/71	14/71	14/71	14/71
Not Disabled	328	100.0	12.9	29.8	28.8	28.5	57.4
Disabled	69	100.0	29.0	33.3	31.9	5.8	37.7
Migrant Status	00	100.0	20.0	00.0	01.0	0.0	01.1
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non-Migrant	397	100.0	15.7	30.4	29.4	24.5	53.9
English Proficiency	391	100.0	13.7	30.4	23.4	24.3	33.9
Limited English Proficient	2	100.0	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
Non-Limited English Proficient	395	100.0	15.3	30.6	29.5	24.6	54.1
Socio-Economic Status	393	100.0	15.5	30.0	29.0	24.0	34.1
Subsidized meals	46	100.0	37.0	37.0	21.7	4.3	26.1
	351	100.0	12.9	29.5	30.4	27.2	57.6
Full-pay meals	331	100.0	12.9	29.5	J 30.4	21.2	1 57.0
		Socia	l Studies				
All Students	397	100.0	8.8	28.6	29.4	33.2	62.6
Gender							
Male	233	100.0	10.6	25.6	26.4	37.4	63.9
Female	164	100.0	6.2	32.9	33.5	27.3	60.9
Racial/Ethnic Group							
White	377	100.0	7.9	28.2	29.3	34.7	64.0
African American	13	100.0	33.3	41.7	25.0	0.0	25.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	4	100.0	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
Hispanic	2	100.0	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disability Status							
Not Disabled	328	100.0	5.6	28.8	30.4	35.1	65.5
Disabled	69	100.0	23.2	27.5	24.6	24.6	49.3
Migrant Status							
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non-Migrant	397	100.0	8.8	28.6	29.4	33.2	62.6
English Proficiency							
Limited English Proficient	2	100.0	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
Non-Limited English Proficient	395	100.0	8.8	28.2	29.5	33.4	63.0
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PACT PERFORMANCE BY GRADE LEVEL									
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0	5	119	100.0	7.6	44.1	40.7	7.6	48.3	
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-	3	134	100.0	10.7	20.6	50.4	18.3	68.7	
	4	127	100.0	12.2	28.5	55.3	4.1	59.3	
8	5	136	100.0	9.9	38.9	50.4	0.8	51.1	
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-	3	134	100.0	7.6	41.2	32.1	19.1	51.1	
10	4	127	100.0	8.9	22.8	32.5	35.8	68.3	
	5	136	100.0	5.3	31.3	32.1	31.3	63.4	
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7	7	N/A	N/A N/A	N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A	N/A N/A	
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

SCHOOL PROFILE				
O. L. (- 700)	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n= 766)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	93.9%	Down from 95.0%	97.5%	100.0%
Retention rate	1.4%	Up from 0.4%	1.4%	3.0%
Attendance rate Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	97.0% 0.5%	Down from 97.3% Down from 1.9%	96.9% 0.6%	96.3% 3.7%
Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (Math) off grade level	0.8%	Down from 2.2%	0.8%	3.2%
Eligible for gifted and talented	33.2%	Down from 42.8%	35.0%	12.0%
On academic plans	N/AV	N/AV	N/A	N/AV
On academic probation	N/AV	N/AV	N/A	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	9.6%	Up from 5.1%	6.1%	8.2%
Older than usual for grade	0.1%	Up from 0.0%	0.1%	0.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n= 58)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	67.2% 81.0%	Down from 67.3% Down from 85.7%	58.0% 90.0%	52.6% 83.3%
Continuing contract teachers	94.1%		90.0%	93.5%
Highly qualified teachers Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.0%	Up from 93.3% Down from 2.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.9%	Up from 88.5%	89.5%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	93.6%	Down from 95.3%	94.7%	95.0%
Average teacher salary	\$43,803	Up 4.6%	\$42,862	\$41,703
Prof. development days/teacher	12.1 days	Down from 13.9 days	11.8 days	12.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	8.0	Up from 7.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.4 to 1	Down from 20.9 to 1	20.8 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.3%	Down from 91.5%	90.7%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,731	Down 1.8%	\$5,641	\$6,242
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	64.6%	Down from 64.9%	67.2%	65.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
Parents attending conferences SACS accreditation	99.0% Yes	No change No change	99.0% Yes	99.0% Yes
Character development program * Prior year audited financial data are reported.	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Good
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Highly qualified teachers in low poverty sch		89.8%		89.4%
Highly qualified teachers in high poverty so	TIOOIS	N/A State Objective		90.1%
Highly qualified to obers in this cab!		State Objectiv	e wet St	ate Objective
Highly qualified teachers in this school		65.0%		Yes
Student attendance in this school		95.3%		Yes

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

"Our mission at Lake Murray Elementary School, where everyone cares to learn and learns to care, is to develop lifelong learners and responsible citizens, prepared to embrace challenges and changes by ensuring a multifaceted curriculum instilling respect for self and others, and nurturing positive relationships within communities." Development of character and academic achievement are hallmarks of Lake Murray Elementary.

Students at Lake Murray Elementary School (LMES) have many opportunities to develop positive character. Our school focuses on monthly character traits that are emphasized through reading and discussing common stories and books across all grade levels. Students are recognized through the PAWS Good Citizen award and the WOW award for demonstrating good character. Students are nominated by staff members for the Character Crew for their positive actions. Students are also recognized for citizenship and participation in school and community service projects. Through these many activities, LMES emphasizes demonstrating caring for others and responsible citizenship.

Academic achievement is also emphasized in our school. In June, LMES was one of 132 schools out of 833 elementary schools in South Carolina recognized by the Education Oversight Committee for closing the achievement gap. LMES students are challenged to excel through an emphasis on assessment guiding instruction. Through formal and informal assessments, teachers identify the strengths and weaknesses of students and differentiate the instruction based on the child's needs. This year, students in second through fifth grade were administered the MAP assessment to assess individual student progress from the fall administration to the spring administration. Teachers were then able to take the information and design instruction to meet the needs of the students. To challenge our identified gifted and talented students in fourth and fifth grades, LMES provided AGP services through high levels of instruction in the content areas. Students needing extra assistance are provided help through programs such as Reading Recovery, SOAR to Success and tutoring with the expectations coach and through levels for students to achieve their best.

Our school emphasizes the importance of a strong learning community through fall and spring festivals, family night dinners, family movie nights, portfolio writing parties, PTO student performances, and curriculum nights and Open Houses. We depend on our parents and community for their support of our school efforts. The many volunteer hours provided by our parents, the positive character of our students, and the excellent instruction that leads to high academic achievement - all combine to make our school a place of excellence.

Claire Thompson, Principal John Adams, SIC Chairperson

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND PARENTS							
	Teachers	Students*	Parents*				
Number of surveys returned	29	134	64				
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	94.7%	93.7%				
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	91.7%	92.1%				
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	91.6%	85.7%				
*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their pare	ents were included.						